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FI Statement for Possible Inclusion in

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- lection activity against the Seviet and Satellite crbit is freight with difficulties. Apple funds are available for this activity, with consumes only a small proportion of the appropriation for the ever-til covert operations. In spite of the absence of financial concern, intensified efforts to produce strategic intelligence have produced only a modicum of success in relation to our national requirement, which are being lovied ever more heavily upon the covert collection mechanism as the overt avenues of approach are closed. The lack of significant progress is chargeable to a number of very real clatacher, which become glaringly apparent on close examination.
- 2. The first and most obvious difficulties stem from the brute! efficiency of the Soviet security organizations. This efficiency is gradually and incorably being superimposed on its latellites. This tening controls around and within the whole Soviet crbit have possible ably reduced the opportunities for penetration, and cariously threaten xisting successful operations. This factor is further complicated a a paucity of indigenous agent personnel of sufficiently strong notivation to undertake the physical dangers involved. To counter these additional readblocks, the major weight of effort for covert collection is being redirected towards alternative means of approach to strategic targets. In further difficulty is caused by the necessity for assigning certain of our most senior and competent intelligence officers to the support of other types of covert operations.
 - 3. On the credit side, we are continuing to produce a considerable quantity of meaningful and usable intelligence. However, really brilliant accomplishments remain comparatively rare. Advancements have mede in the creation of support facilities which are prerequility to collection activity. T

Service Program we are attampting to attract and retain urgently not led competent personnel to participate in our work.

4. In conclusion, I can only may that there have been some starm taken toward our ultimate goal of obtaining accurate and timely startegic intelligence on the Soviet and its allies. On the other hand, our difficulties have increased rather than decreased. Furthermore, I am frank in stating that I cannot envisage a significant betterman of this situation in the foreseeable future.

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